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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number: 09/380,222 Filing Date: August 26, 1999 First Named Inventor: Wilhoit, et al. Art Unit: 1773 Examiner Name: D. Nakarani Attorney Docket No. 20176-1	<div style="text-align: right;"> RECEIVED JAN 29 2003 TC 1700 </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> #16 / 4/03 <i>[Signature]</i> </div>
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This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 502023.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ☒ \$750.00 Large Entity

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- ii. ☒ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

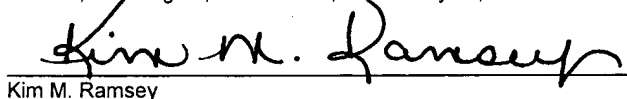


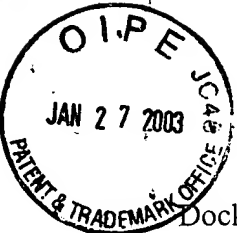
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PATENT

Docket No. 20176-1

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Applicants: Wilhoit, et al.
Appl. No.: 09/380,222
Filed: August 26, 1999
For: Thermoplastic C₂- α -Olefin Copolymer
Blends And Films

Group Art Unit: 1773
Examiner: D. Nakarani

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In reply to the Final Official Action dated July 22, 2002, setting a shortened three (3) month period to reply, Applicant requests Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Submitted herewith is the RCE fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) and Petition and Fee For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a period of three (3) months and corresponding fee thereof. Please amend the application as follows.

In The Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 12, 32, 34, 35 and 37 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A polymer blend of at least three polymers comprising:
at least 10% by weight, based upon the weight of the blend, of a first polymer having a melting point between 55 to 75°C comprising a copolymer selected from the group of a copolymer of ethylene and at least one α -olefin having a melt index of up to 1.0 dg/min according to ASTM D-1238 at 190°C, and a copolymer of ethylene and at least one C₆ to C₁₀ α -olefin;

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